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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PREVENTING CLOSURE OF PASSAGEWAYS	)	Customer No. 021971

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

M/S Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Introductory Comments:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement mailed December 6, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.